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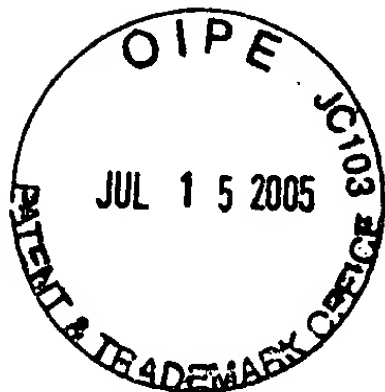
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

GREENFIELD, I. Lawrence

Application No.: 09/724,613

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND
KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC
ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS
AND PROTEASES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicant now responds to the Final Office Action mailed April 15, 2005.

Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at pages 2-17.

Remarks follow the amendments section of this paper at page 18.